

--POST CABLES OF INTEREST TO FAMILIES IN THE CLO OFFICE.
--ASSIST A FAMILY MEMBER VOLUNTEER WITH PUBLICITY FOR SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS.
--MAINTAIN A SPREADSHEET ON INCOMING EMPLOYEES, NOTING THEIR SPECIAL NEEDS AND CIRCUMSTANCES.
--ORGANIZE AND UPDATE THE CHIANG MAI WELCOME PACKET.
--PARTICIPATE IN AREA ACTIVITIES TO REPRESENT THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY AND GATHER INFORMATION FOR THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY.
--CONTRIBUTE STORIES AND PHOTOS TO THE LOCAL PRESS.
--WRITE ARTICLES AND REPORTS REGARDING EVENTS WHEN WARRANTED.
--COMPLETE THE 2006 SUMMARY SCHOOL REPORT.
--UPDATE THE ON-LINE POST REPORT.

1E. GUIDANCE AND REFERRAL

OBJECTIVE: TO LISTEN TO INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE CONCERNS AND TO OFFER APPROPRIATE RESOURCES AND REFERRALS.
--MEET WITH INDIVIDUALS TO TALK ABOUT JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND FAMILY AND PERSONAL CONCERNS.

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--DIRECT INDIVIDUALS TO APPROPRIATE POST PERSONNEL WHEN NECESSARY.
--IDENTIFY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AND OTHER EXPERTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MED UNIT IN BANGKOK AS A RESOURCE FOR THE COMMUNITY.

1F. WELCOMING AND ORIENTATION

OBJECTIVE: TO ASSIST NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS WITH ADJUSTING TO THEIR NEW ENVIRONMENT.
--COMMUNICATE WITH NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS BY E-MAIL FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE BIDDING PROCESS AND LINK THEM TO BENEFICIAL RESOURCES AND PEOPLE.
--DEVELOP A SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM THAT GIVES CLEAR GUIDELINES TO THE SPONSORS IN ORDER TO ASSURE A SMOOTH TRANSITION TO POST.
--ORGANIZE A WELCOME PARTY FOR ALL NEWCOMERS.
--Prepare welcome packets with APPROPRIATE information about the post and northern Thailand FOR NEW EMPLOYEES and THEIR FAMILIES.
--Help newcomers meet THE MISSION COMMUNITY AND FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH the Consulate and Chiang Mai. FACILITATE INTRODUCTIONS to people WITH SIMI
--Maintain reference books and other resources in THE CLO office to help newcomers adjust to and become familiar with the local environment.
--ORIENT THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY TO THE GREATER COMMUNITY THROUGH NOTICES ABOUT GROUPS AND EVENTS IN THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, AND THROUGH INDIVIDUAL
-- PROVIDE ON-GOING GUIDANCE ABOUT THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENT (WHERE TO EAT, SHOP, SIGHT-SEE, ETC.)

1G. COMMUNITY LIAISON

OBJECTIVE: TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE OFFICIAL MISSION AND COMMUNITY GROUPS.
--MEET WEEKLY WITH THE MANAGEMENT OFFICER IN ORDER TO ENSURE HE IS AWARE OF ALL CLO ACTIVITIES SO HE MAY IN TURN INFORM THE CG AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
--ONE OR BOTH CLO STAFF ATTEND THE WEEKLY TEAM MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN DEPARTMENT HEADS.
--ATTEND THE WEEKLY FSN MEETINGS.
--THE CLO IS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE HOUSING BOARD.
--THE CLO IS AN AD HOC MEMBER OF THE EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE.
--PARTICIPATE IN OTHER MEETINGS AND TRAINING SESSIONS AS THE NEED ARISES.
--BE A SPECIAL LIAISON BETWEEN SPOUSES AND THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY.
--HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THE THAI COMMUNITY AND THE AMERICAN ONE. MAKE SURE THAT THAI HOLIDAYS ARE UNDERSTOOD, RESPECTED AND CELEBRATED.
--INTRODUCE THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY TO THE POINTS OF INTEREST AND SOCIAL EVENTS THAT ARE SPECIAL TO THE THAI COMMUNITY.
--ENCOURAGE THAI STAFF (AND FAMILY) PARTICIPATION IN CONSULATE EVENTS.
--HELP BRING THE THAI COMMUNITY ONTO THE CONSULATE FOR EVENTS SUCH AS PARTIES AND HAPPY HOURS.

1H. EVENTS PLANNING

OBJECTIVE: TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS FOR ALL SEGMENTS OF THE MISSION POPULATION THAT INTRODUCE THE HOST CULTURE, MAINTAIN FAMILIAR AMERICAN
--PLAN PARTIES, TRIPS AND CELEBRATIONS TO KEEP THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY INVOLVED IN THAI AND AMERICAN CULTURAL EVENTS, RESPONDING TO THE DESIRES
--KEEP IN CONTACT WITH TOURISM AUTHORITY OF THAILAND, RAINTREE RESOURCE CENTER, ALLIANCE FRANCAISE, AUA, THE PAYAP UNIVERSITY LANGUAGE PROGRAMS
--ORGANIZE CONSULATE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN CHARITY OR CIVIC EVENTS.

SECTION FIVE:

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES:

--A CLO (MOH) WAS HIRED IN JANUARY AS THE NEW FAUX CLO. AMONG HER MAJOR PROJECTS ARE REVAMPING AND IMPROVING THE RESOURCES IN THE CLO OFFICE AND

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THAT THE OFFICE IS NOW FULLY STAFFED HAS RESULTED IN A PUBLIC SYSTEM OF FILE SHARING.
--RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE BANGKOK CLO WITH A VISIT IN JANUARY, AND FIRST-TIME ATTENDANCE AT THE BUDGET MEETING. CLO WORKS TO HELP PUBLIC
--BOTH THE CLO AND THE CLO ASSISTANT ARE FULLY TRAINED TO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE SOLE AFO CLERK, AND HAVE DONE SO OFTEN DURING THIS PERIOD.
--THE CLO ASSISTANT IS THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER WRITER AND EDITOR.
--THE CLO ASSISTANT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESIGN, PURCHASING AND SALES OF POLO SHIRTS AND CELADON CUPS AND MUGS.
--AN UNPAID, FULL-TIME COLLEGE INTERN WORKED FOR CLO FOR TWO MONTHS FROM APRIL THROUGH MAY.
--WORK WITH FSNS ON LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS, AND HELP MAINTAIN AND PUBLICIZE A FUND FOR THE SON OF A GUARD WHO DIED IN JANUARY.
--MAINTAIN A SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR ONE CANCER-STRIKEN FSN.
--TDY'ERS RANGE IN NUMBER FROM 8 TO 15 AT ONE TIME. THIS FIGURE USUALLY INCREASES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON.
--A LARGE NUMBER OF TRAVELERS FOCUS ON CHIANG MAI AND THE CLO OFFICE IS ALWAYS BUSY FIELDING QUESTIONS AND OFFERING TRAVEL/SHOPPING/ACCOMMODATION

SECTION SIX:

OVERVIEW OF LIFE AT POST:

Chiang Mai is an excellent family post. The cost of living in northern Thailand is low, and the area is rich in culture, with places to go, and
DELICIOUS AMERICAN/WESTERN FOOD IS AVAILABLE - AND GREAT LOCAL FOOD IS OF COURSE EVERYWHERE. There are direct flights from Chiang Mai to several

MANY international schools EXIST, AND THE SELECTION OF ACADEMIC STRATEGIES IS FAIRLY EXTENSIVE. THE SCHOOLS DON'T OFFER A HUGE VARIETY OF AMERICAN

MEMBERS OF THE CONSULATE COMMUNITY BENEFIT FROM A SPACIOUS, MODERN HOUSING compound with A POOL, CLUBHOUSE, WEIGHT ROOM AND TENNIS COURT. THE

IN ADDITION TO GYM FACILITIES AT THE COMPOUND AND THE BOOKS IN THE CLO LIBRARY, THE AIR FORCE detachment has a COMPLETE gym AND AMPLE SELECTION

CABLE TV IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THAILAND, AND HIGH-SPEED INTERNET IS NOW COMMON AND EASILY ACCESSIBLE. COMMERCIAL GYMS AND SPORTS FACILITIES ARE

MANY FAMILIES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE REASONABLY-PRICED AND WELL-TRAINED DOMESTIC STAFF - WHOSE COOKING, CHILD CARE AND CLEANING SKILLS ARE INVALUABLE

THERE ARE good medical facilities. We have A CONSULATE HEALTH UNIT AND OUR OWN FULL-TIME NURSE.

AMONG THE DIFFICULTIES MOST CITED BY PEOPLE AT POST: Driving

HAZARDS AND HEAVY TRAFFIC; AIR POLLUTION; AND THE CURRENT THREAT OF AVIAN FLU. ONGOING VIOLENCE IN PARTS OF SOUTHERN THAILAND AFFECTS DOMESTIC

to COMPENSATE FOR THE DRIVING DIFFICULTIES, THERE IS LIMITED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION available, AND PROFESSIONAL DRIVERS (ALONG WITH RENTAL CARS)

"apo" HOURS ARE LIMITED TO BETWEEN 2 AND 3 HOURS PER WEEK, BUT DAILY POUCHING QUICKLY LINKS US TO EMBASSY BANGKOK. LOCAL MAIL SERVICE IS RELIABLE
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